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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

Application No. 09/654,315
Filing Date September 1, 2000
First Named Inventor Robert S. Chau
Group Art Unit 2811
Examiner Name Tran, Thien F.
Attorney Docket No. 42390P4222D2

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
i. Amendment/Reply
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv. Other – Copies of cited references (6)

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)
for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to
Deposit Account No. 02-2666

- i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
iii. Processing fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) for Limited Suspension of Action
iv. Other _____

- b. Check in the amount of \$ 750.00 enclosed
c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Signature Heather Molleur Date 02/12/03

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Charge the Issue Fee Set in 37 CFR 1.18 at the Mailing of the Notice of Allowance, 37 CFR 1.131(b)

2. Payment Enclosed 3. Applicant claims small entity.
 Check See CFR 1.27
 Money Order
 Other

FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 01/01/03)

1. FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee	Fee	Fee	Fee		
Code	(\$)	Code	(\$)		
1001	750	2001	375	Utility application filing fee	_____
1002	330	2002	165	Design application filing fee	_____
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	_____
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee	_____
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional application filing fee	_____
SUBTOTAL (1)		\$	0		

2. CLAIMS

	<u>Extra</u>	<u>Fee from below</u>	<u>Fee Paid</u>
Total Claims	- 20 =	X _____	= _____
Independent Claims	- 3 =	X _____	= _____
Multiple Dependent Claims	_____	X _____	= _____

Large Entity **Small Entity**

Fee	Fee	Fee	Fee	Fee Description		Fee Paid
				Code	(\$)	
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of twenty		_____
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3		_____
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim		_____
1204	84	2204	42	Reissue independent claims over original patent		_____
1205	18	2205	9	Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent		_____
SUBTOTAL (2)		\$	0			

FEE CALCULATION (continued)
3. ADDITIONAL FEES

<u>Large Entity</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Fee Paid</u>
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	
1051	130	2051	65
1052	50	2052	25
1053	130	1053	130
1812	2,520	1812	2,520
1813	8,800	1813	8,800
1251	110	2251	55
1252	410	2252	205
1253	930	2253	465
1254	1,450	2254	725
1255	1,970	2255	985
1401	320	2401	160
1402	320	2402	160
1403	280	2403	140
1451	1,510	1451	1,510
1452	110	2452	55
1453	1,300	2453	650
1501	1,300	2501	650
1502	470	2502	235
1503	630	2503	315
1460	130	1460	130
1806	180	1806	180
8021	40	8021	40
1809	750	2809	375
1814	110	2814	55
1810	750	2810	375
1801	750	2801	375
1802	900	1802	900
1504	300	1504	300
1505	300	1505	300
1803	130	1803	130
1808	130	1808	130
1454	1,300	1454	1,300
Other:			
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*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

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